

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action of April 24, 2008.

Claims 11-31 are pending in this application. Claims 11, 19, and 23 have been amended to more specifically point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 26, 28, and 30 have been cancelled accordingly. Claim 12 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Specifically, Claims 11, 19, and 23 have been amended to clarify that the interface is configured “generate converted image signals for use by the external device” and “generate converted image signals for use by the mobile phone”, “wherein the converted image signals for use by the external device and the converted image signals for use by the mobile phone are capable of being stored and displayed simultaneously at the external device and the mobile phone”. New Claims 32-35 have been added. Support for the amendments is found throughout the specification, and in particular, at paragraph [0010], [0017], [0022], [0023], and [0024]. No new matter has been added.

Claims 11-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Motohashi, United States Patent No. 7,202,885 (“Motohashi”). Applicant traverses the rejections. Reconsideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that Motohashi does not disclose the claim limitation of an interface configured to “generate converted image signals for use by the external device” and “generate converted image signals for use by the mobile phone”, “wherein the converted image signals for use by the external device and the converted image signals for use by the mobile phone are capable of being stored and displayed simultaneously at the external device and the mobile phone”.

Specifically, Motohashi discloses “[A] mobile telephone terminal for exchanging images”. (Motohashi, Abstract). In some embodiments (shown in FIGS. 9-10), “[A] second display device for displaying a received image may be provided which is attached to the mobile telephone terminal apparatus removably through the external connection device of the mobile telephone terminal apparatus together with the imaging device”. (Motohashi, col. 3, lines 54-59). This second display device, i.e., external image display portion 905, does not have (see

FIGS. 9-10 of Motohashi and associated text) a storage device. In fact, as Motohashi describes, external image display portion 905 is merely a display device: “[T]he second display portion 904 includes a display device such as LCD suitable for a television telephone and displays moving pictures, still pictures, character strings and so on”. (Motohashi, col. 13, lines 34-36).

That is, external image display portion 905 is intended as a display device for mobile telephone 111 so that mobile telephone 111 may be used as a television telephone. This is because “[I]n general, the size of the display portion 105 built in the mobile telephone terminal apparatus body 111 is limited not to lose the mobility as a mobile telephone. Therefore, the display portion 105 may be too small to be used as a television telephone. Therefore, for a general mobile telephone terminal apparatus, the first display portion 903, the second display portion 904 and the imaging portion 104 may be provided externally. Then, the size of the display portion 105 is no longer limited, and the convenience as a television telephone is improved”. (Motohashi, col. 14, lines 38-47).

Accordingly, because external image display portion 905 does not have its own storage, it is not capable of storing images *simultaneously* with the mobile telephone. There is no disclosure, teaching, or suggestion in Motohashi that images may be stored simultaneously at the mobile telephone 111 and external image display portion 905. In fact, Motohashi teaches away from such simultaneous storage as external image display portion 905 does not have its own storage and is intended only as a display device for mobile telephone 111.

The mobile phone of the claimed invention, in contrast, allows images received by the mobile phone from the external device and images received by the external device from the mobile phone to be stored and displayed simultaneously at both devices, or stored for later display.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any residual issues that can be resolved through a telephone call.

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